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Writing Diagnostic: Personal Freedom vs. Public Health

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All of us want to be healthy, while desiring as much freedom as possible to do the things we want in our day to day lives. Unfortunately, sometimes there is a conflict in trying to satisfy both these desires. Driving drunk and smoking in public places represent this conflict. In current times, our freedom to express ourselves, visit places, or enjoy meeting friends and family has been severely curtailed by the need to wear masks, practice social distancing and avoid gatherings. In a society that values both health and freedom, it is not always possible to balance the two. The government actions in recent times include stay-at-home or shelter-in-place orders, fines for congregating outdoors, business shutdowns, attempts to ban the sales of firearms, travel restrictions, and more. Are you concerned about any of the orders enacted so far? Think about the conflict between public health and individual freedom and write a well-developed essay of 500-600 words in which you present your perspective on which of the two is more important to you and why. Be sure to analyze and evaluate your evidence and support your position with examples from your own experience, observation, and/or knowledge.